

Please type a plus sign (+) inside the box

PTO/SB/08B (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-003

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO JUL 2 1 2003 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				COMPLETE IF KNOWN		RECEIVED JUL 24 2003	
				Application Number	09/689,514		
				Filing Date	October 12, 2000		
				First Named Inventor	Craig Anthony Farrell, et al.		
				Group Art Unit	- 2143		
Examiner Name	Unknown Mikea Keaners		Technology Center 2100				
SHEET	1	OF	1	Docket Number	NDG1140		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (If known)			
MK		5,436,909		Roger Dev, Howard Brown, Eric S. Rustici	07/25/1995	
		5,504,921		Roger Dev, Dale H. Emery, Howard Brown, Eric S. Rustici, Dwayne S. Wiggin, Eric W. Gray, Walter P. Scott	04/2/1996	
MK		5,696,486		Poliquin, Arrowsmith, Lewis, Tracy	12/09/1997	
MK		5,768,501		Lundy Lewis	06/16/1998	
MK		5,777,549		Arrowsmith, Tracy	07/7/1998	
MK		6,064,304		Arrowsmith, Tracy	05/16/2000	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (If known)				

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/15/2004
--------------------	---	-----------------	-----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two letter-code (WIPO Standard ST.3) ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside the box

PTO/SB/08B (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-003

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO JUL 2 1 2003 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				COMPLETE IF KNOWN		RECEIVED JUL 24 2003
				Application Number	09/689,514	
SHEET 1 OF 1		Filing Date	October 12, 2000	First Named Inventor		Craig Anthony Farrell, et al.
		Group Art Unit	2143	Examiner Name		Unknown Mike Kianersi Technology Center 2100
		Docket Number	NDG1140			

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (If known)			
MK		5,436,909		Roger Dev, Howard Brown, Eric S. Rustici	07/25/1995	
		5,504,921		Roger Dev, Dale H. Emery, Howard Brown, Eric S. Rustici, Dwayne S. Wiggin, Eric W. Gray, Walter P. Scott	04/2/1996	
MK		5,696,486		Poliquin, Arrowsmith, Lewis, Tracy	12/09/1997	
MK		5,768,501		Lundy Lewis	06/16/1998	
MK		5,777,549		Arrowsmith, Tracy	07/7/1998	
MK		6,064,304		Arrowsmith, Tracy	05/16/2000	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (If known)				

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/15/04
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two letter-code (WIPO Standard ST.3)

⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.